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1. VISIT OF MR. WILLIAM H. JORDAN, SENATE APPROPRIATIONS
COMMITTEE STAFF MEMBER, TO ANKARA DEC 2-4, WAS USEFUL IN
POINTING UP NEED TO RESTORE US-GOT SECURITY RELATIONSHIP,
INCLUDING CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF DEFENSE COOPERATION
AGREEMENT (DCA), AND IMPORTANCE OF TURKEY TO NATO. DIS-
CUSSIONS WITH DCM AND OTHER EMBASSY OFFICERS DECEMBER 3
FOCUSED LESS ON CYPRUS POLITICAL SITUATION THAN ON WHAT
ACTIONS TURKS MIGHT TAKE (E.G. TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM ISLAND)
TO FACILITATE CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF DCA.

2. DURING JUSMMAT BRIEFING DEC 3, MR. JORDAN EXPRESSED
CONCERN THAT U.S. IS SUPPLYING TURKEY WITH OUTMODED EQUIPMENT,
WHEREAS IF TURKEY HAD FINANCIAL WHEREWITHAL, GOT WOULD PURCHASE MOST
MODERN WEAPONS SYSTEMS AS IRANIANS AND SAUDIS ARE DOING. JUSMMAT
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OFFICERS EXPLAINED THAT ONLY THOSE WEAPONS SYSTEMS THAT ARE

SUPPORTABLE AND THAT WILL BE MAINTAINED IN U.S. STOCKS THROUGH MID-1980'S ARE BEING RECOMMENDED IN FMS AND GRANT PROGRAMS UNDER PROPOSED DCA. ADDITIONALLY, MR. JORDAN WAS ASSURED THAT, DUE TO LONG HISTORY OF MAP IN TURKEY, GOT ARMED FORCES HAVE CAPACITY TO ABSORB AND UTILIZE EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY U.S. JORDAN WAS ALSO INTERESTED IN U.S. MILITARY DISCIPLINARY PROBLEMS, NUMBER OF U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL AND CIVILIANS IN TURKISH JAILS, JUSMMAT MANPOWER AND STAFFING, AND COST OF TRAINING TURKS IN U.S. MILITARY SCHOOLS. WITH RESPECT TO LAST ITEM, HE WAS CONCERNED OVER HIGH COST LODGING AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES FOR FOREIGN MILITARY STUDENTS.

3. UPON DEPARTURE, MR. JORDAN TOLD ESCORT OFFICER THAT HIS VIEWS ON IMPORTANCE OF TURKEY (AND GREECE) TO US SECURITY INTERESTS WERE REINFORCED BY HIS VISIT TO THIS REGION. HE SAID THAT HE IS CONVINCED BY ARGUMENTS REGARDING TURKEY'S STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE IN EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN, NEED FOR MAINTAINING INTEGRITY OF NATO AND MILITARILY VIABLE SOUTHERN FLANK, AND RESUMPTION OF CERTAIN U.S. INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS IN TURKEY, ROUGHLY IN THIS PRIORITY ORDER.
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